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information

on the following Soviet military activities observed during the period from late July through mid-August 1958 at the Merseburg area: arrival of a Soviet military transport including 12 trucks carrying rocket launchers (a rough sketch of one of these trucks is submitted); departure of about 200 Soviet troops; arrival of about 150 Soviet troops; excavation of Trenches at Rott-huegel; training in radar operation; digging of trenches at Merseburg Airfield.

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Soviet Activities in MERSEBURG area(end July - mid Aug 58)

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1. 29 July

The following arrived by night at the A/A barracks MERSEBURG:

12 x 3-axled [] carrying rocket launchers with
single rockets in general as shown in the
accompanying sketch.

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4 x radar vehicles

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1 x 3-axled W/T truck.

2. 31 July

The following left the A/A barracks:

6 [] 200 Soviet troops.

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3. 1 August

The following arrived at the A/A barracks:

about 150 Soviet troops []

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4. 22 July - mid August ROTHUGEL []

German workers excavated 2 trenches 18 m. long by 2 m. wide by 1 m.
deep. These were later filled by Soviet troops with concrete. A
Leipzig firm made a water well boring beside each of the concrete
emplacements.

5. In the A/A barracks Soviet troops have undergone training in radar
operation using 3 radar arrays in the barracks. 1 x IL 28 and 1 x MIG 17
have been used for radar training purposes.

6. MERSEBURG Airfield

Soviet personnel have been digging trenches about 50 cm deep between
fuel depots and the taxi-ways. These are believed to be for pipe lines.
Pipes of about 10 cm diameter have been off-loaded []

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